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Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Piedmont Natural Gas Company - Annual Review of Purchased Gas
Adjustments (PGA) and Gas Purchasing Policies
Docket No. 2005-4-G

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am writing regarding the Office of Regulatory Staff's prefiled direct testimony which is currently due on July 6, 2005. As July 4 is a holiday and we have several members of our staff who will be on vacation around that time period, ORS would respectfully request of the Commission an extension of our deadline for filing until July 8, 2005.

I have spoken to Jim Jeffries, attorney of record for Piedmont, and have relayed our request to him. In addition to sending our testimony through regular U.S. mail, I have committed to sending our prefiled testimony via electronic mail as soon as it is available to all parties. It is my understanding Mr. Jeffries does not oppose this arrangement.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Benjamin P. Mustian

cc: James H. Jeffries, IV, Esquire
Scott Elliott, Esquire
David Carpenter
Tom Skains

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-4-G

IN RE:

Piedmont Natural Gas)
Company's Annual Review of)
Purchased Gas Adjustment and)
Gas Purchasing Policies)
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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This is to certify that I, Rena Grant, an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the **OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY** in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

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